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Senator Ducheny Critical of Bersin Appointment

Statement from Senator Ducheny

“The Governor has shown questionable judgment in his selection of Alan Bersin as California’s new Secretary of Education. Bersin’s legacy as Superintendent of San Diego Unified School District has been one of divisiveness. His controversial approach combined with his narrow focus on test scores has angered both teachers and parents.

To make matters worse, there is still no credible evidence that his so-called “reforms” made any significant impact on student test scores. What is undeniable is that the San Diego School Board ousted Bersin from his position with one year remaining in his contract.

This appointment makes even less sense given the Governor’s waning credibility on education issues. Our schools, the teachers, administrators, staff and the students and their parents deserve nothing less than proven leadership, a positive vision for improving California’s education system. We need a leader who will include teachers and parents in the development of strategies to improve the learning environment of our schools and better prepare our future workforce.

They will get none of that from Alan Bersin.”

Senator Ducheny represents parts of San Diego and Riverside Counties and all of Imperial County.

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